



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**
Wednesday, May 16, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.
City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 1029
Austin, Texas 78701

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS

Patrick Brewer, Chair
Nicholas Classen
April Rose

Tom Hayes, Vice Chair
Peggy Maceo

Ryan Fleming
Christopher Kite

REGULAR AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of April 18, 2012.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first 4 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

E. BRIEFINGS

1. Briefing on Boards and Commissions' participation in the FY 2012-13 Budget Process Presentation – Angela Means, Division Manager – PARD Financial
2. Briefing on Austin Water Code Revisions – Jadell Hines, Conservation Program Coordinator – Austin Water Utility
3. City Arborist Program Monthly Update – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department
4. Austin Energy Utility Forestry Staff Report – Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy

F. EXECUTIVE LIAISON'S REPORT

Urban Forestry Program Staff Briefing – Angela Hanson, Forester, PARD Urban Forestry Program

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion and Action Item:** Discuss and take possible action regarding the Urban Forestry Board's purview, to include the entire Urban Forest, on both public and private parcels by Board Member Classen.
2. **Discussion Item:** Strategic Goals Progress report: Review of current status, future goal deadlines, and Board members Claussen, Brewer, and Maceo to report on strategic initiative progress on public tree watering, Barton Springs tree review protocol, and recommendations for tree overlays for zoning applications.
3. **Discussion and Action Item:** Discuss and make a recommendation regarding City Council resolution, directing the Urban Forestry Board and City staff to develop a pilot program using the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund, to identify, maintain, and preserve prominent trees along transit corridors and the urban core.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Briefing by Nathan Wilkes and Chad Crager, on the multi-use trail at Barton Springs Road (entering parkland by the Palmer Events Center to Lou Neff Road).

I. ADJOURNMENT

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